Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15th

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week. During Police Week we honor Peace Officers who have died in the line of duty. In 2018, 165 Law Enforcement Officer died in the line of duty in the United States. In addition 28 Law Enforcement K9’s died in the line of duty.

For more information visit the Officer Down Memorial Page at: https://www.odmp.org/

Waunakee Community Garage Sales

Reminder: The Waunakee Community wide garage sale is scheduled for May 9th - May 11th. Please be aware there is a considerable increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic due to the amount of people attracted to this event. Be extra cautious while driving about the Village. Please obey and respect all parking laws as well. We receive many complaints of parking violations during the event. For more information on the event please visit the following website, http://waunakeegaragesalemap.com/

Thanks for slowing down signs available!

Are you concerned about speeding or vehicles operating at inappropriate speeds in your neighborhood or near your school? Please pick up a “Thanks for slowing down” sign at the Waunakee Police Department. We all need the reminder to slow down when children are present. The faster vehicles travel, the more likely crashes are to occur and the more severe injuries are likely to be. Children are especially vulnerable due to their smaller stature.

If you’re interested in posting the signs in your yard or in the neighborhood, they will be available for pick up while supplies last at the Waunakee Police Department. Thanks to sponsors American Family Insurance, AAA Wisconsin and Safe Communities.
Waunakee Bike Rodeo

Where: Arboretum Elementary School

When: Thursday, May 30th 4:00p-5:30p

The Waunakee Police Department will be hosting its annual Bike Rodeo on Thursday, May 30th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at Arboretum Elementary School. The Bike Rodeo is designed to promote safe riding habits and skills needed for young bike riders, ages 5-12. Free helmet fitting, free bike licensing and a bike technician will be on hand to help identify mechanical issues of the kid's bikes. All participants will receive a prize! Prize tickets will be drawn after the event and prizes delivered to the school. No need to register or sign up. This is a free event, just show up and enjoy! *The Bike Rodeo may be canceled if there is inclement weather the day of the event.

If you have any questions please contact WNPD School Resource Officer Erik Schmidt at 849-2109.

TURN YOUR LIGHTS ON FOR SAFETY!

Dense fog, snow, rain or other environmental factors can significantly reduce visibility. You may be able see where you are going but other vehicles may not be able to see you! The headlight visibility law (effective 2/16) requires drivers to turn on their headlights when weather conditions “limit visibility.”

Limited visibility is defined as “objects that are not clearly visible 500 feet from the vehicle.” In other words, turn your lights on in heavy rain, snow and fog.

Governor Scott Walker signed into law a bill that requires drivers to turn on headlights when weather conditions limit visibility. Under the previous law, if it was dark outside, drivers were required to activate their headlights. Now if it’s raining, snowing, foggy or if there’s any condition that limits visibility and prevents you from seeing 500 feet in front of your vehicle, drivers must turn on their headlights. This law can be found in Wisconsin State Statue 347.06(1).
It’s that time of year where some get outside for a campfire or get their yard ready for summer! We want to remind everyone of our local ordinance in regards to open burning. Below is the abbreviated ordinance with the accepted practices and restrictions. To see the entire ordinance please go to Sec. 30-2. - Open burning at https://library.municode.com/wi/waunakee/codes/code_of_ordinances

No person shall build or maintain any outdoor fire within the corporate limits of the village except as set forth in subsection (b) of this section. This prohibition on burning includes burning of construction waste and debris at construction sites.

Exceptions to the prohibition stated in subsection (a) of this section are as follows:
(1) Outdoor cooking over a fire contained in a device or structure designed for such use is permissible.
(2) Dry wood may be burned in an outdoor recreational fireplace that is certified by a nationally recognized listing agency and which is screened and which contains a lid or in a non-commercially constructed brick fireplace with a chimney that is approved by the building inspector according to applicable building codes. Open burning of material is not allowed within the village limits. This includes burning materials in the street or on sidewalks. The burning of grasses, leaves or vegetation require a permit or prior written approval from the Fire Chief.

DRUG DROP BOX AVAILABLE!
Over the past 6 months a total of 487.5 pounds of unused medications have been turned over to the Waunakee Police Department for destruction. Please keep in mind you can drop off any unused medications at the police department. The Drug Drop Box is located in our lobby which is open from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday-Friday.

The Waunakee Police Department is proud to offer FREE medication lock boxes!
In collaboration with Waunakee Community Cares Coalition, Waunakee PD is giving away Free LockMed Lock Boxes to members of the community! Accessibility is the number one contributing factor to the misuse and abuse of medications. The Lock Box Initiative works toward making adults aware of the easy access to drugs and gives them the knowledge and tools to lock up prescription and over the counter medications.
Animals at Large

Waunakee has ordinance restrictions in place to prevent domestic animals from “running at large”. Ordinance 14-5 (a) (1) states the following:

(1) No person having the possession or ownership of any animal or fowl shall allow the animal or fowl to run at large within the village. The owner of any animal, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall keep the animal tied or enclosed in a proper enclosure so as not to allow the animal to interfere with the passing public or neighbors. Any animal running at large unlicensed and required by state law or this chapter to be licensed shall be seized and impounded by a humane officer or law enforcement officer.

(2) A dog or cat shall not be considered to be running at large if it is on a leash and under control of a person physically able to control it.

***Owners can be held liable for damages their animals cause to others property. The fine amount for an animal running at large is $98.80 for a first offense, and $124.00 for second and subsequent offenses.

If your dog or cat is not licensed please go to the Pet Data website, and obtain an animal license. http://www.petdata.com

CURFEW for children under16

It shall be unlawful for any juvenile under 16 years of age to be on foot, bicycle or in any type of vehicle on any public street, avenue, highway, road, alley, park, school grounds, swimming beach, cemetery, playground, public building or any other public place in the village between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., unless accompanied by such juvenile’s parent or guardian or person having lawful custody and control of such person.

Please “like” our Waunakee Police Department Facebook page. We provide information regarding local events, safety tips and press releases for major incidents. You can also send us your questions through private messages and tips on any recent crimes that have taken place.

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Waunakee-Police-Department/349673238430794

Newsletter ideas or topics

If you have a topic or idea you would like us to consider for future Waunakee Police Newsletter, please email the idea for consideration to the address below.

Questions can be sent to newsletter@waunakeepd.org. Questions submitted may be featured in future newsletters. The person submitting the question will not be identified.